

FUTURE FOR IRON LIES IN THE SOUTH

Development of Great Industry in Its Infancy, While Lake Region Has Reached Its Zenith.

LARGE BUILDING OPERATIONS

Birmingham, San Antonio and Other Southern Cities to Erect Towering Structures.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BALTIMORE, MD., June 6.—"The future of the iron industry of this country is in the South," was the statement made by Mr. W. P. Snyder, a leading iron-master of Pittsburgh, Pa., in discussing recently with the Marylanders the record of the development in the iron and steel industry of this country. In pointing out reasons for his faith in the great future of Southern iron interests Mr. Snyder said that within six years the shipments of lake ores will reach as much as 60,000,000 tons a year, and, in connection with reference to the rapid depletion of the Lake Superior supplies under the tremendous drain, he spoke of the very great development which is taking place in the South, based on the iron-ore and coal resources of this section. The heavy sales of iron at Birmingham for future delivery, amounting during the past two weeks to probably 500,000 tons, indicate the steady expansion at that point, and the announcement, made at the celebration of the opening of the Illinois Central's line to that city, that that road had given a contract for 40,000 tons of Birmingham rails, is a significant illustration of how railroad and industrial development in the South go hand in hand, and is suggestive of a turning toward revived industrial activity.

Large Building Operations.
Other suggestions are in building operations of various kinds, which will give Birmingham, for instance, four skyscrapers. At San Antonio, Texas, new buildings under way or positively planned represent about \$8,000,000. Among them is a \$1,000,000 hotel and another hotel to cost \$500,000, a \$250,000 office building, a \$200,000 business block, a \$200,000 bank building enlargement, a \$50,000 freight depot, a \$100,000 hotel addition, and \$500,000 in small business houses and residences, together with \$250,000 for school buildings.

The great drainage, sewerage and water works improvements which are actually transforming the physical character of New Orleans, La., are accompanied by extensive building operations. The steel structural work upon one of the new hotels there has reached the fourth story, and satisfactory progress is being made upon the court building, to cost more than \$1,000,000. A local club is planning to spend \$300,000 upon its new home, and extensive operations in the matter of residences are being carried on.

During the past three days permits have been issued for residences whose cost will aggregate more than \$50,000. The largest of these is a brick and stucco houses to cost \$15,000, while several other residences, both up and downtown, have been contracted for, and among those for which permits were issued is one costing \$7,200, two costing \$5,000 each, two costing \$3,150 each, and several others costing \$2,500 and \$2,600 each.

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The Tombigbee Valley Railroad of trains in and out of Mobile, Ala., by connection with the Southern Railway tracks at Calvert, Ala., thirty-five miles north of Mobile, directs attention to an important railway project in that section. The Tombigbee Valley Railroad now extends sixty miles from Calvert to Silas, Ala., for a considerable distance through pine and hardwood timber land. It is intended to continue building the line northward through Choctaw and Sumter counties to connect with the Alabama, Tennessee and Northern Railroad. This latter line now extends from Cochrane to Reform, connecting there with the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, and it is to be extended into Walker county when it will furnish a direct north and south line from the Alabama coal fields to deep water.

WHY SOUTH HILL BECAME A TOWN

(Continued from First Page.)
chard was on the place of Mr. John H. Ogburn, just three miles from here. Apples, peaches, pears, grapes, strawberries, raspberries, dewberries, cherries, and, in fact, all the fruits that are not strictly tropical grow well, the yield is large and an "off year" for fruit does not come around once in twenty years.

The Old Field Pine.
The forests are very extensive and in them are to be found a great variety of timber. It is likely that fully one-half of the eastern part of the county, the part which makes South Hill its market, is still in forests. Much of it is in old field or second growth pines, and herein is great wealth and an unlimited product that will make South Hill a manufacturing town the equal of any east of the mountains.

It has been demonstrated that this white pine is superior for box-making and for other purposes and the fact that it grows quickly from abandoned lands and is ready for the saw mill and the box factories within eight to ten years from the time a field is "turned out" makes the supply practically inexhaustible. Other timbers to be found in the forests around South Hill, and in all of this part of Mecklenburg county, are red, white and Spanish oaks, hickory, maple, birch, beech, mulberry, poplar, gum and dogwood. Timbers for wagon-making are plentiful and etc. long South Hill will have a wagon and buggy factory. It is bound to come.

Pleasant Waters.
Mecklenburg county has long been famous for its splendid water in every part of the county. Drinking water here is of a superior quality, and there is said to be not a farm of a hundred acres in the whole county that does not abound in water courses and good springs. Wells from 25 to 40 feet in depth, walled with rock or terra cotta, are used for convenience on the most of the farms, the water from them being as good as from the springs.

The Trois Fontaine Lithia Springs, of which I spoke briefly last week, are located in three miles of South Hill. This spring has been known for many years as affording the best water in the community, and upon development by Mr. J. H. Ogburn, the owner, three separate fountains were found. They derive their flow from as many separate veins in the solid rock.

Inhabitants can remember, there being several living in this neighborhood whose ages range from eighty to ninety years, and who still enjoy good health. These men have traveled out of their way to get water from this spring, when they were school boys, and afterwards when they, with the ambition of youth, tramped through the forest in search of game, which was abundant in their day and which they brought down with the old flint-lock guns.

Indians Knew the Place.
It would appear that the properties of these waters must have been recognized by the Indians when this country was in primeval forest, for there are many of their arrow heads to be found on the lands thereabouts. And not far distant has been unearthed a considerable amount of pottery, implements of war and other utensils belonging to that age, and near here, on Roanoke River, has been discovered an ancient Indian burying-ground, where occasionally there is unearthed the

spear heads and tomahawks that were buried with their warriors.

The ground surrounding the springs has been subdivided into parks, pleasure grounds and beautiful forest drives, running through magnificent cottage sites, which overlook the springs, lake and park.

Mr. Ogburn has been urged to place these cottage sites on the market, and he may do so. If he does the probability is that Trois Fontaine will become the summer home of many well-to-do people. With such wealth of forest and field, surroundings and good water, and all in such a healthful climate as I have tried to describe, it is easy to tell why a "magic city" has grown up here at South Hill in the short space of seven years. It will doubtless show much greater growth before another seven-year period shall roll around, for the town has a hustling population and room and the raw material for many more industries that will increase its population and enlarge its business.

SURVEY FOR LUMBER ROAD

Line from South Hill to Five Tract of Pine and Oak Timber.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SOUTH HILL, VA., June 6.—A party of gentlemen were in South Hill this week surveying a route for a lumber railroad from South Hill to a point in Lunenburg. This road will probably commence at a point just west of the town and run down Mountain Creek to Meherrin River and across that river to the mouth of Crooked Creek, in Lunenburg county, into a belt of splendid pine and oak lumber, through the old Stokes plantation.

The Stokes estate is one of Virginia's oldest and most valuable farms in Lunenburg county; contains about 700 acres of land, and has valuable lumber of both pine and oak upon it. This old estate was the home of David Stokes, who was for so many years the honored treasurer of Lunenburg county. This old tract will be sold shortly to settle up the estate.

The T. E. Roberts Tobacco Company wound up its season's business here this week. They were much pleased with the year's output.

Crops are in a splendid condition, clean of grass, and growing. Farmers are in fine spirits, and to illustrate the condition of this section of the county, many of our farmers are offering corn at \$3.75 per barrel, while corn is selling in Richmond at \$4. Notwithstanding quite a lot of fertilizer was, of course, delivered at Kenbridge this season, more was sold here than ever before in the history of the town. The Smith & Crutfield Manufacturing Company have put in machinery to make molding, brackets, wash, doors, blinds, etc. The South Hill Board of Trade is in correspondence with a Northern syndicate to put in a shuttle factory (thanks to the advertisement in last Sunday's Times-Dispatch).

Some days ago Mr. R. E. Daniel ran a street through a portion of his farm partly within the corporate limits of the town and sold a small number of lots. The day was a cold, rainy one, and a small crowd gathered. Notwithstanding the weather a number of lots were sold. Next day every man with three exceptions, resold the same lots at a profit of from \$10 to \$70 per acre. Every lot was purchased by residents of the town, which illustrates the faith the citizens have in their home town.

BUSY BIG STONE GAP.

Much Building Going On in the Town; Enterprises Resuming Operations

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BIG STONE GAP, VA., June 6.—There is more building going on here at this time than at any other period in the history of the town, the boom days not excepted. Not including the \$100,000 government building authorized at the last session of Congress, more than that amount will be spent in the erection of business buildings here this year. There are at present under construction two hotels, which will cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000; an office building, about \$12,000, and a store, between \$3,000 and \$5,000. It is expected that a City Hall and an up-to-date theatre will be erected here before the end of the year.

The Royal Laundry Company, owned by General R. A. Ayers, and associates, was sold on Tuesday to Messrs. R. B. and W. T. Alsover, who will continue its operation.

quantities of extract wood, which abounds in this section.

The Stonega Coke and Coal Company, owning 1,022 coke ovens, at Stonega and Osaka, only about half of which have been in operation since last fall, is preparing to put all of its operations in blast and resume work just as soon as the necessary repairs are made and men secured sufficient to keep them going. This company is the largest operator in this section of the coal fields, and its coke has a wide reputation.

The Normal Hotel Company is the name of the corporation which has been organized by H. S. Shanklin, R. P. Barron, J. A. L. Minor and others, to build a twenty-five-room hotel on Wood Avenue, at a cost of about \$10,000. Excavation was begun on Tuesday, and it is expected to be ready for occupancy by the fall.

Work on the foundation for the store building of the Big Stone Gap Jewelry Corporation was commenced

on Thursday. This building, which is being erected on Wood Avenue, opposite the site of the former Eugene Hotel, will be 25 by 55, two stories high, and of concrete blocks.

Officers of Bank of Bland.

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BLAND, COURTHOUSE, VA., June 6.—The board of directors of the Bank of Bland met today for the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected: H. Newberry, president; Fulton Kestley, vice-president; C. P. Muncey, cashier. The directors report the bank in flourishing condition.

Bitholthie Paving.

The Atlantic Bitholthie Paving Company of this city, of which Mr. George O. Tenny is the president, have just been awarded the contract for laying 20,000 square yards of bitholthie pavement in Salisbury, N. C. The company is now paving all of the streets within the fire limits of Charlotte, N. C., and they also have large paving contracts in Winston-Salem and Rocky Mount, N. C.

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